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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Johnstone  
Appl. No.: 09/720,173  
Filed: December 20, 2000  
For: ORIENTATION OF FILMS TO IMPROVE BARRIER AND UV STABILITY

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims:

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Cancel Claims 1, 3, 4, 10, 13, 14, 17, 25 and 28, without prejudice.

Claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18-20 and 23-27 have been rewritten as follows:

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2. (Amended) A method of forming a plastics material product including providing a plastics material member being a film web, fibre or filament and stretching said member beyond its yield point to decrease its thickness and increase its length, and partially relaxing said stretched plastics material member substantially uniformly across its cross-section transverse to the stretching direction by between 5 and 20% of its total stretched length to form said product whereby the plastics material member achieves either or both:

- (i) an improved resistance to degradation from UV light radiation, and
- (ii) an improved resistance to oxygen or other gas transmissivity.